Rejection of Delhi Declaration at the climate change meet by the EU

1618. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that European Union has rejected the draft of the Delhi Declaration circulated by the Indian Government at the climate change meet;

(b) if so, what are the details of the draft circulated; and

(c) what are the reasons given by the European Union for rejecting it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The European Union did not reject the draft of the Delhi Declaration. A group of developed countries, including the European Union wanted to initiate a process for beginning a dialogue on broader participation of countries in greenhouse gas mitigation commitments for period beyond 2012. This was resisted successfully by the developing countries, including India, on the grounds that the per capita greenhouse gas emissions of the developing countries, in general, were low in comparison to the developed countries, and that the overriding priority for the developing countries was poverty eradication for which economic growth was essential. The Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development was adopted by all Parties as a consensus document.

Funds Released by PFC

1619. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has reduced its fund release programme for various power projects in the country;

(b) the details of funding released by the PFC in 2002-2003 so far; and

(c) the funds to be released in the remaining part of this financial year;

(d) the reasons for the PFC rejecting expansion of the power sector; and

(e) the steps proposed to assist States in setting up power projects?